Mission: To provide the tools and education to give each child the very best start in life.

# **Early Childhood Quality Improvement Specialist**

Hours: 35/week Rate: \$56,000-57,000

Do you have a passion for ensuring young children receive high-quality care and education? Do you enjoy coaching and guiding early childhood professionals to increase their professional capacity? Come join us!

Child Care Connection has an opening for an experienced education professional to provide targeted technical assistance and coaching to child care providers, conduct on-site observations, develop curricula, and deliver presentations on a variety of early care and education topics.

## **Benefits:**

- Health, vision, dental, life insurance
- Employee Assistance Program
- Ample PTO and holiday time
- Professional development opportunities
- Retirement plan (403b)

#### **Duties:**

- Promote Grow NJ Kids (GNJK), New Jersey's quality rating improvement system
- Implement the first phase of the GNJK process for both center-based programs and home-based providers
- Track programs, collect data, and generate reports
- Prepare and present training on early care and education topics to center- and home-based child care providers
- Work closely with state and local early childhood systems and key partners
- Attend ongoing professional development and role-related meetings
- Implement guidance received from funders
- Support department activities as needed

## Valuable Skills:

- Experience administering structured classroom observation tools, including the Environment Rating Scales (ERS)
- Experience with Quality Rating Improvement Systems (QRIS)
- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to establish and develop trusting relationships
- Flexibility and time management
- Presentation skills and knowledge of adult learning principles

### Requirements:

- Master's degree in early childhood education or other child growth and development-related field.
- Flexible hours (some evenings and weekends are mandatory)
- Use of own car for travel
- Working knowledge of child development and developmentally appropriate practice
- At least 5 years direct experience working with children and families
- Demonstrated experience in training and consultation activities to the early care and education workforce

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